from India during 1987-88 have asked tt^ MMTC to terminate the contract; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Constitution of a Handloom Corporation

2092. SHRI PARVATHANENI UFENDRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the constitution of a Handloom Corporation with a capuai of Rs. .100 crores, with equal contribution from the State and Union Governments to ensure immediate payment of wages, supply of yarn, colours and chemicals at .subsidised rate$_s$ as well as to introduce group insurance and pension schemes for the benefit of the handloom workers; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Temporary Licences to Cinema Halls in Delhi

2093. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SJDDIQI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFFAlRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether matters relating to issue of temporary licences to Cinema Halls in Delhi fall within the Administrative Jurisdiction of the Home Ministry;

(b) if so, what is Government's policy with regard to the issuance of licences to the cinema halls;

(c) whether it is a fact that the permis sion and consent of the owner of the land is a must for conversion of temporary licence *lata* a permanent one; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government against the cinema ball* which have violated the established policy of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI); (a) The powers in this regard are exercised by the Delhi Police which is under the Administrative jurisdiction of thi$_s$ Ministry,

(b) The procedure is contained hi the Delhi Cinematograph Rules, 1981.

(c) There is no provisions to convert a temporary Cinematograph licence into a permanent one. There are different sets of requirements for the grant of temporary/ permanent licence, includig furnishing particulars about the ownership of the premises.

(d) A$_s$ end whe$_n$ any violation of the provisions of the Act/Rules comes to notice, appropriate legal action is taken.

Destruction of Forest in Patkai Range in Margherita, Assam

20'04 DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT *ND FORESTS ^be^pjsas«4Jp--statef-'

(a) how many acres of green forest in the Patkai range in Margherita, Assam has been des'royed by commissioning open ^ast projects by the authorities of Norih Eastern Coalfields;

(b) how many acre$_s$ of cultivable land has been destroyed as a result thereof;

(c) wbai is the rate of fall of humidity and deer infall in this area during the last three years as a result thereof*, and

(d) whether the Central Government would immediately direct the concerned authorities <o stop causing further damage?

THF. MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (d) Th= details will be collected from the State Government and placed on the Table of 'he House.